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In re Application of:)
Gary K. Michelson, M.D.) Group Art Unit: 3731
Serial No.: 10/098,683)
Filed: March 15, 2002)
For: Spinal Implant Containing Bone)
Morphogenetic Protein)

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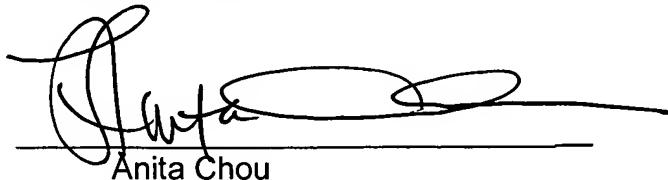
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003 in the above-identified application.

- Applicant hereby requests a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the above office action.
 Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 and 29 documents

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